

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 9 is allowed. Claims 1-10 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been amended to incorporate the features of claim 9, and to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Claim 8 has also been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claim Objections

In response to the objections to claims 1, 4, and 8 due to informalities, appropriate correction has been made. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objection respectfully is requested.

Claim Rejections

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

- A. Response to rejection of claims 1-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al. in view of Knoeppel.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2005/0106978 of Cheng et al. ("Cheng") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0058802 of Knoeppel et al. ("Knoeppel"), Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 9 into claims 1 and 5. Since the Examiner has indicated that claim 9 is allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims now stand in condition of allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Rejection respectfully is requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this Amendment, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Amendment.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

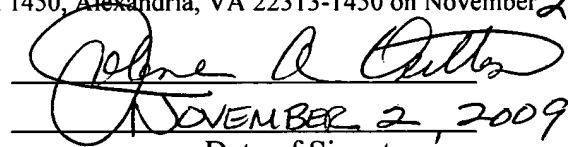


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